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Statewide Overview

Please see page 3 for additional information reflecting the effects of both Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the business and household surveys in Louisiana.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment for Louisiana was estimated to be 1,750,000 for January 2006. This figure represented an increase over the month of 11,600 jobs, while reflecting a loss over the year of 176,500. The largest net increase of the month was seen in Trade, Transportation and Utilities with an increase of 7,300 jobs. Statewide employment figures for seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment can be found on page 2.

Changes from December to January revealed growth in eight industry sectors, declines in two, and no change in Other Services. Trade, Transportation and Utilities gained 7,300 positions; Construction rose by 1,500, Leisure and Hospitality increased 1,200; Financial Activities gained 700 jobs; while Professional and Business Services, Manufacturing, Government, and Information all gained 500 jobs or less. Both Natural Resources and Mining, and Educational and Health Services declined over the month, losing 400 and 100 jobs, respectively.

Over the year, seasonally adjusted figures reflected losses in ten industry sectors, with only Natural Resources and Mining not being negatively affected by the 2005 hurricanes, gaining 3,000 jobs. The largest decline from January 2005 was seen in Educational and Health Services, which lost 47,200 positions, while Leisure and Hospitality lost 38,500 jobs. Professional and Business Services was next with a loss of 24,600 jobs, while Trade, Transportation and Utilities lost 20,500. Other Services followed by dropping 12,900, Construction fell by 11,900 and Manufacturing lost 11,400. The smaller declines were seen in Financial Activities, which lost 5,200; Government lost 4,800, and Information, which lost 2,500.

The January preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Louisiana was 4.8 percent, a decrease from the December revised rate of 6.4 percent. The national unemployment rate for January was 4.7 percent, a decrease from the December rate of 4.9 percent. Total unemployment in the state for January was 91,658. The state civilian labor force decreased to 1,892,888, with an increase in total employment to 1,801,230.

Economic Indicators

Seasonally Adjusted

Civilian Labor Force

	United States	Louisiana
Labor Force	150,114,000	1,892,888
Employed	143,074,000	1,801,230
Unemployed	7,040,000	91,658
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.8

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment

	JAN 2006 United States	JAN 2006 Louisiana
Total Nonfarm	134,564,000	1,750,000
Nat. Resources and Mining	651,000	47,000
Construction	7,460,000	103,100
Manufacturing	14,220,000	143,400
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	26,037,000	359,700
Information	3,064,000	28,700
Financial Activities	8,245,000	93,900
Professional and Business Services	17,153,000	163,300
Educational and Health Services	17,542,000	207,900
Leisure and Hospitality	12,922,000	169,800
Other Services	5,396,000	58,000
Government	21,874,000	375,200

Average Hours & Earnings

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	JAN 2006 United States	JAN 2006 Louisiana
Natural Resources & Mining		
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 879.27	\$ 1,005.92
Average Weekly Hours	45.7	46.7
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 19.24	\$ 21.54
Manufacturing		
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 684.22	\$ 773.62
Average Weekly Hours	40.8	42.6
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 16.77	\$ 18.16

Louisiana Unemployment Insurance Activities

	JAN 2006
Claims	
Initial New & Renewals	16,643
Continued Weekly Intrastate Only	295,554
Insured Unemployment Rate	6.9
Benefits	
Number of First Payment	9,187
Benefits Paid (000's)	\$ 99,299
Weeks Compensated	525,593
Average Wkly. Benefit Amount	\$ 189.63
Average Duration of Claim (Weeks)	NA
Exhaustions	4,515

United States Consumer Price Index

	JAN 2006
All Urban Consumers	198.3

The civilian labor force and nonfarm **estimates** are prepared according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) methodology and are comparable with the U.S. and other states' data. For more information, go to page 14.

Economic Comparison

Seasonally Adjusted	Preliminary JANUARY 2006		Revised DECEMBER 2005		Revised JANUARY 2005	
	United States	Louisiana	United States	Louisiana	United States	Louisiana
Civilian Labor Force						
Labor Force	150,114,000	1,892,888	150,153,000	1,909,833	147,956,000	2,096,260
Employed	143,074,000	1,801,230	142,779,000	1,788,478	140,234,000	1,979,227
Unemployed	7,040,000	91,658	7,375,000	121,355	7,723,000	117,033
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.8	4.9	6.4	5.2	5.6
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	JAN 2006	JAN 2006	DEC 2005	DEC 2005	JAN 2005	JAN 2005
	United States	Louisiana	United States	Louisiana	United States	Louisiana
Total Nonfarm	134,564,000	1,750,000	134,371,000	1,738,400	132,471,000	1,926,500
Nat. Resources and Mining	651,000	47,000	646,000	47,400	605,000	44,000
Construction	7,460,000	103,100	7,414,000	101,600	7,115,000	115,000
Manufacturing	14,220,000	143,400	14,213,000	143,100	14,268,000	154,800
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	26,037,000	359,700	26,018,000	352,400	25,724,000	380,200
Information	3,064,000	28,700	3,066,000	28,500	3,068,000	31,200
Financial Activities	8,245,000	93,900	8,224,000	93,200	8,091,000	99,100
Professional and Business Services	17,153,000	163,300	17,129,000	162,800	16,638,000	187,900
Educational and Health Services	17,542,000	207,900	17,503,000	208,000	17,176,000	255,100
Leisure and Hospitality	12,922,000	169,800	12,896,000	168,600	12,673,000	208,300
Other Services	5,396,000	58,000	5,387,000	58,000	5,398,000	70,900
Government	21,874,000	375,200	21,875,000	374,800	21,715,000	380,000
Average Hours & Earnings						
Natural Resources & Mining	United States (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Louisiana (Not Seasonally Adjusted)		
	JAN 2006	DEC 2005	JAN 2005	JAN 2006	DEC 2005	JAN 2005
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 879.27	\$ 859.95	\$ 835.25	\$1,005.92	\$1,097.01	\$1,050.09
Average Weekly Hours	45.7	45.5	45.1	46.7	47.8	51.5
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 19.24	\$ 18.90	\$ 18.52	\$21.54	\$22.95	\$20.39
Manufacturing						
	JAN 2006	DEC 2005	JAN 2005	JAN 2006	DEC 2005	JAN 2005
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 684.22	\$ 695.93	\$ 666.65	\$773.62	\$760.87	\$736.93
Average Weekly Hours	40.8	41.4	40.6	42.6	42.2	43.4
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 16.77	\$ 16.81	\$ 16.42	\$18.16	\$18.03	\$16.98
Louisiana Unemployment Insurance Activities						
Claims				% Change From		
	JAN 2006	DEC 2005	JAN 2005	DEC 2005	JAN 2005	
Initial New & Renewals	16,643	16,371	16,894	1.7	-1.5	
Continued Weekly Intrastate Only	295,554	301,885	148,678	-2.1	98.8	
Insured Unemployment Rate*	6.9	9.2	1.7	-25.1	301.2	
Benefits						
	JAN 2006	DEC 2005	JAN 2005	JAN 2006	DEC 2005	JAN 2005
Number of First Payment	9,187	12,398	8,374	-25.9	9.7	
Benefits Paid (000's)	\$ 99,299	\$ 95,742	\$ 24,725	3.7	301.6	
Weeks Compensated	525,593	509,505	129,399	3.2	306.2	
Average Wkly. Benefit Amount	\$ 189.63	\$ 188.63	\$ 193.49	0.5	-2.0	
Average Duration of Claim (Weeks)	NA	NA	15.5	N/A	NA	
Exhaustions	4,515	2,809	3,458	60.7	30.6	
* Insured unemployment rate is for the week including the 12th of the month.						
United States Consumer Price Index						
	JAN 2006 % Change From:			DEC 2005 % Change From:		
	Index	Prior Month	Prior Year	Index	Prior Month	Prior Year
All Urban Consumers	198.3	+ 0.8	+ 0.4	196.8	- 0.4	+ 3.4

Not Seasonally Adjusted State and Area Employment

The Louisiana Department of Labor, in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), continues to closely monitor the economic impact of the recent hurricanes on the business and household surveys in the affected parishes. In producing the post-hurricane estimates, BLS announced that a number of modifications were made to standard estimating procedures to better reflect the employment part the civilian labor force estimates. For a detailed explanation of the effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on all of the BLS program's methodology, please go to <http://stats.bls.gov/katrina/cpscesquestions.htm>.

Nonfarm employment (not seasonally adjusted) for Louisiana was estimated to be 1,736,300 for January 2006. Affected by seasonal fluctuations, this figure represents an over-the-month decrease of 14,300 jobs. The largest decline from December was seen in state government. Over the year, employment plummeted due to acts of nature.

Alexandria MSA total nonfarm employment was an estimated 65,300 jobs for January 2006. The area experienced a small decline of 100 jobs from December 2005. However, over the year the area gained 3,400 jobs. Service providing employment accounted for the majority of this gain from one year ago.

Baton Rouge MSA total nonfarm employment was estimated to be 356,900 for January. This figure represents a loss of 4,500 jobs when compared to December. Goods producing was up 300 jobs over the month while service providing was down 4,800 over the month. Over the year, employment rose by 19,100 with gains in both the goods producing and service providing supersectors.

Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux MSA total nonfarm employment for January declined 500 jobs over the month moving to a level of 84,200. The loss from December occurred solely in service providing employment. Over the year, this MSA added 1,700 jobs with all of them being in the goods producing supersector.

Total nonfarm employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 139,800 for January 2006. This reflects a loss of 3,000 over the month, but an over-the-year increase of 5,800. Both the goods producing and the service providing supersectors declined over the month, but increased over the year.

Total nonfarm employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 89,400 for January 2006. Over the month, employment dropped 3,200. Goods producing and service providing employment were down over the month. An expansion in employment was reported over the year. The goods producing supersector increased by 3,000, while service providing employment dipped 1,700.

Monroe MSA nonfarm employment was estimated to be 78,500 for January 2006. This is a loss over the month of 1,300 jobs, but a gain of 1,300 positions over the year. Trade, transportation, and utilities in combination with government produced the over-the-month decline. The over-the-year gain was seen in service providing employment.

New Orleans MSA gained 500 jobs in January 2006 moving to an employment level of 409,000 when compared to December 2005. Goods producing employment added 200 positions while service providing added 300 during the one-month period. An enormous decline in employment was seen over the year due to the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina.

Total nonfarm employment in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA declined to 177,200 in January 2006. This figure reflects a decline of 1,200 over the month and an increase of 7,200 over the year. Service providing employment accounted for the decrease over the 30-day period. Both supersectors, especially service providing, expanded over the 12-month period.

Key to Graphs

The following graphs have been designed to reflect the over-the-year trends in the statistical data. Below are the most frequently used abbreviations.

OTM refers to the over-the-month change in employment

OTY refers to the over-the-year change in employment

SA refers to seasonally adjusted estimates

NSA refers to not seasonally adjusted estimates

Graphs for statewide reflect seasonally adjusted (SA) estimates compared to not seasonally adjusted (NSA) data.

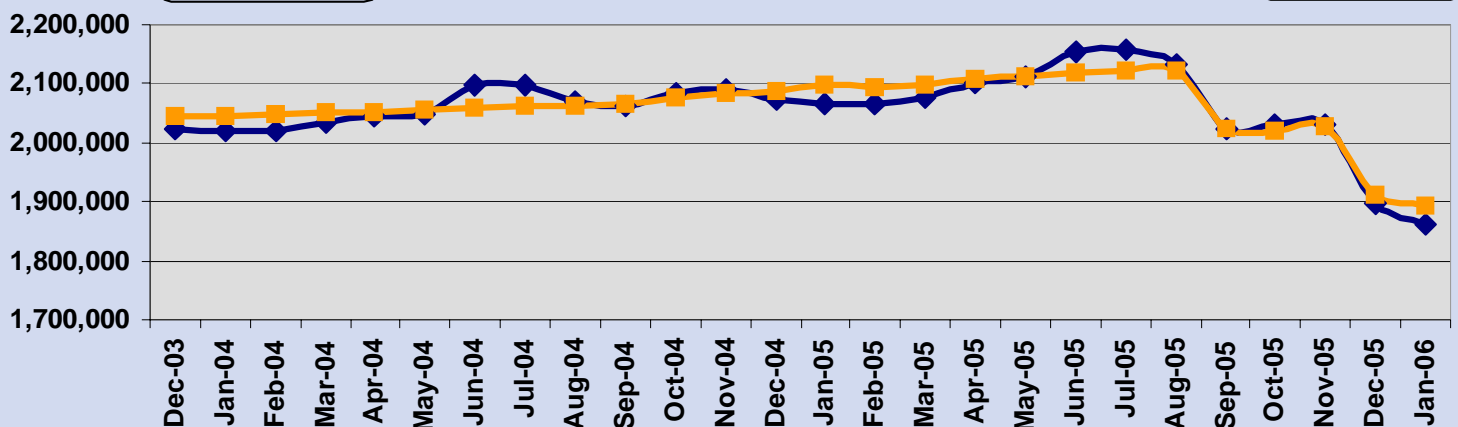
Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) graphs denote nonfarm employment levels compared to a three year red trend line of the estimated employment. The gold lines in these graphs are the over-the-month changes for each year.

January 2006

Louisiana Civilian Labor Force

SA
1,892,888
OTM: - 16,945
OTY: - 203,372

NSA
1,861,953
OTM: - 35,041
OTY: -204,333

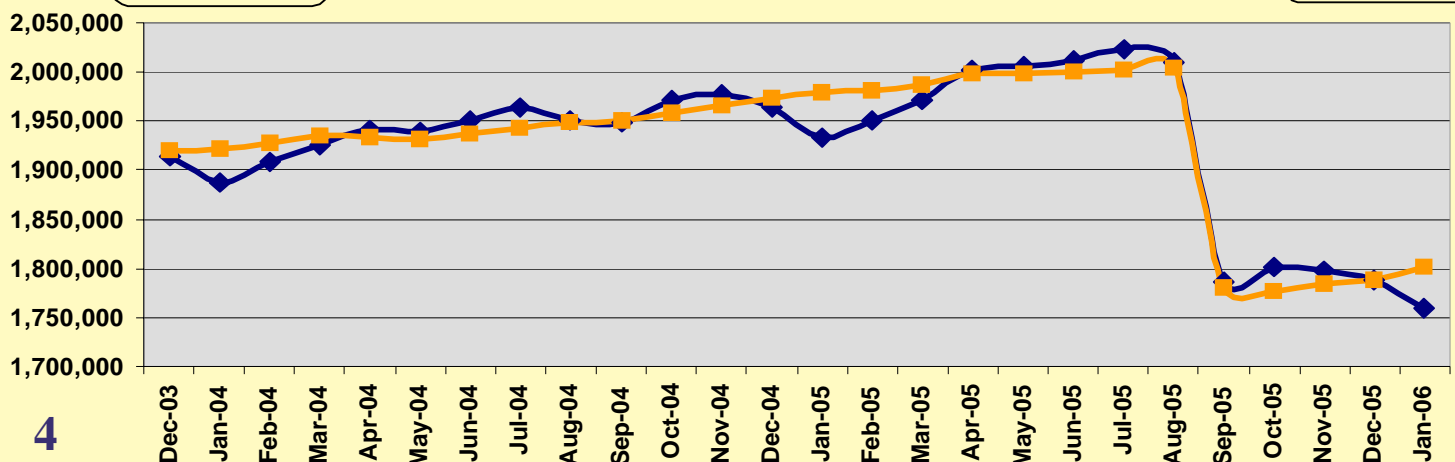


January 2006

Louisiana Civilian Labor Force Employment

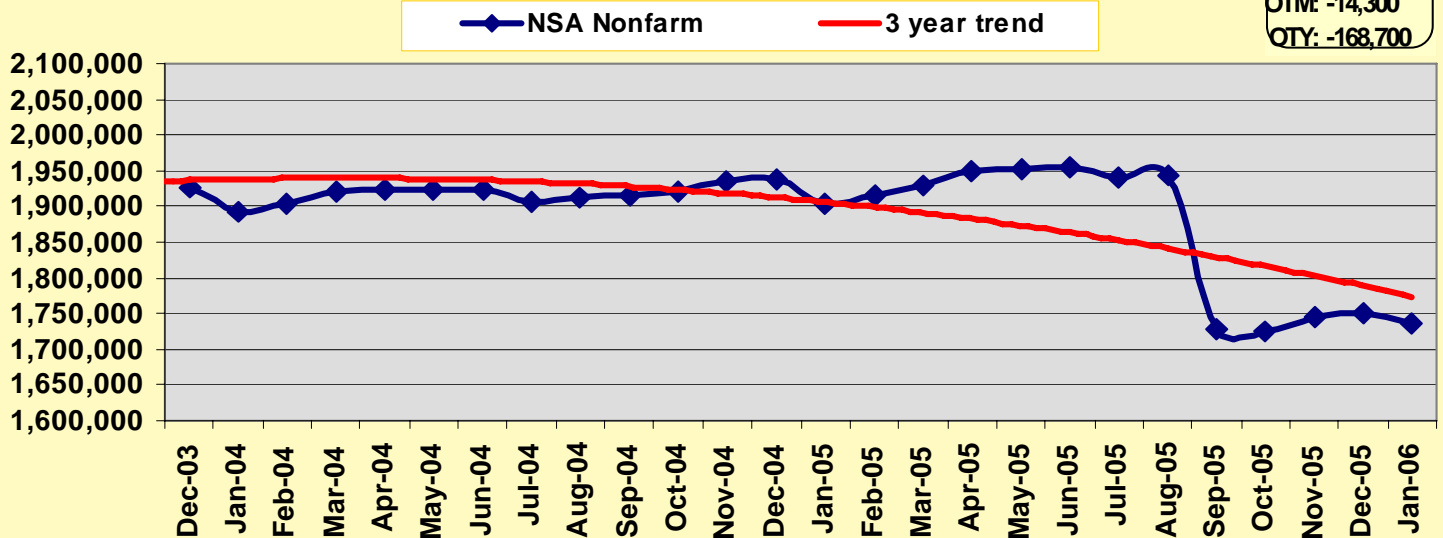
SA
1,801,230
OTM: 12,752
OTY: -177,997

NSA
1,759,230
OTM: -27,907
OTY: -175,006



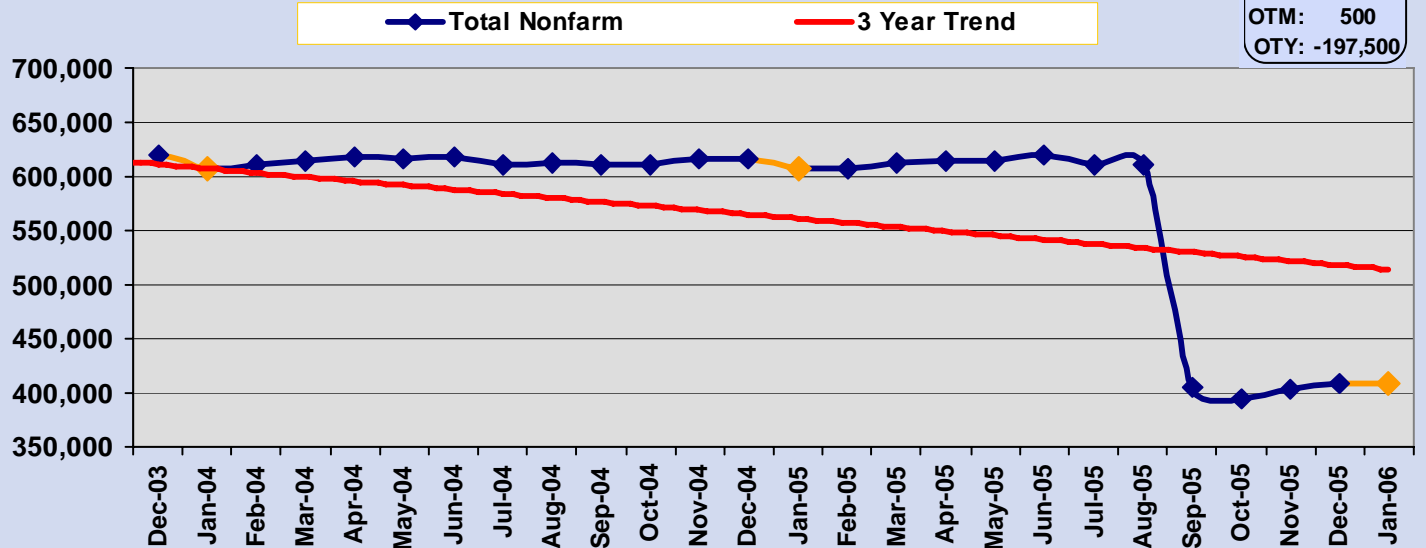
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Louisiana Nonfarm Employment



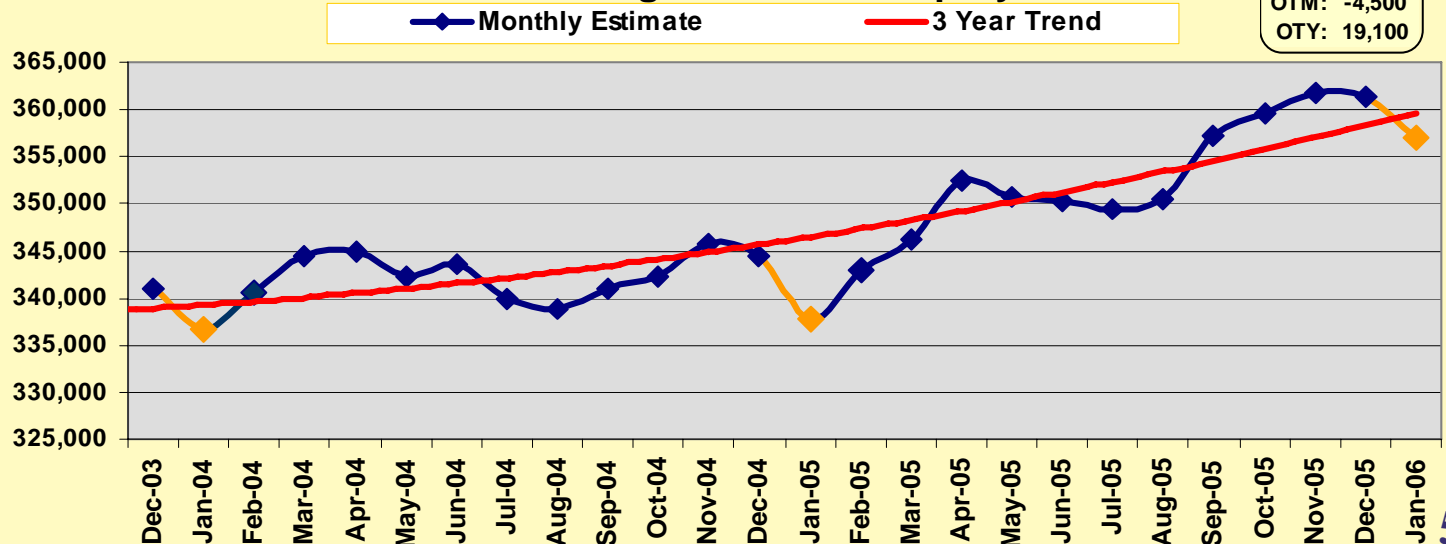
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New Orleans Nonfarm Employment



January 2006

Baton Rouge Nonfarm Employment

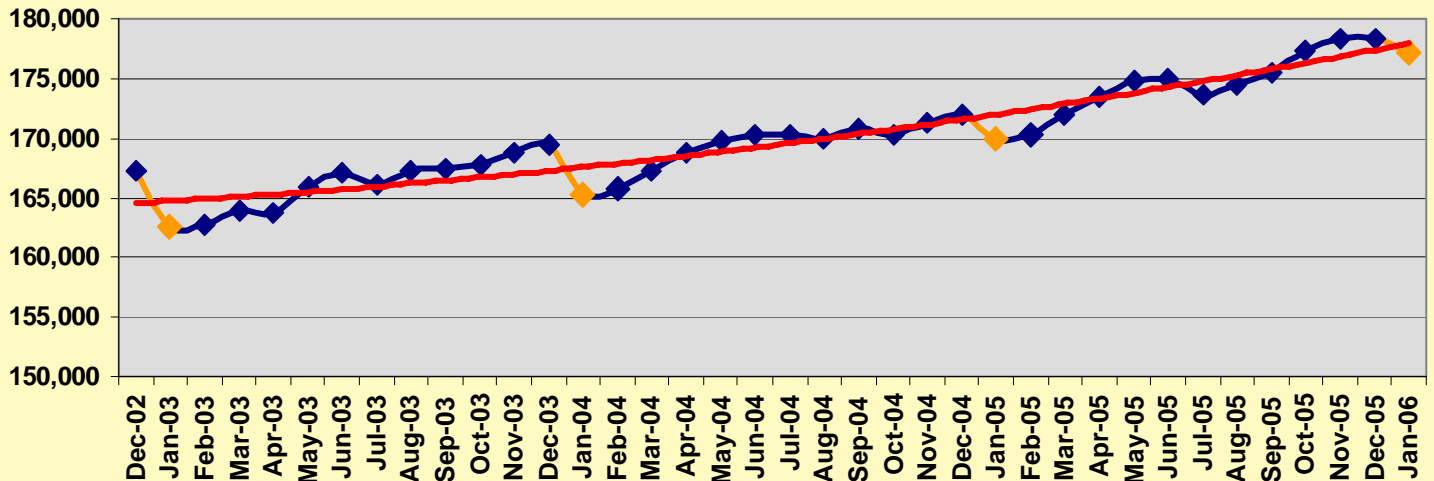


January 2006

Shreveport Nonfarm Employment

Monthly Estimate 3 Year Trend

NSA
177,200
OTM: -1,200
OTY: 7,200

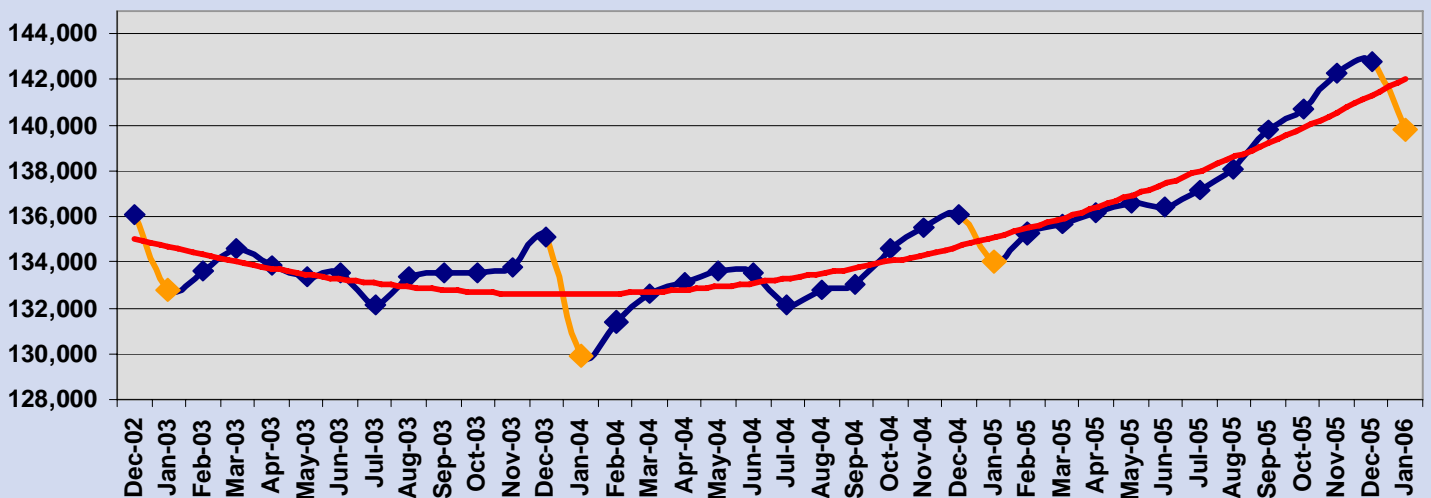


January 2006

Lafayette Nonfarm Employment

Monthly Estimate 3 Year Trend

NSA
139,800
OTM: -3,000
OTY: 5,800

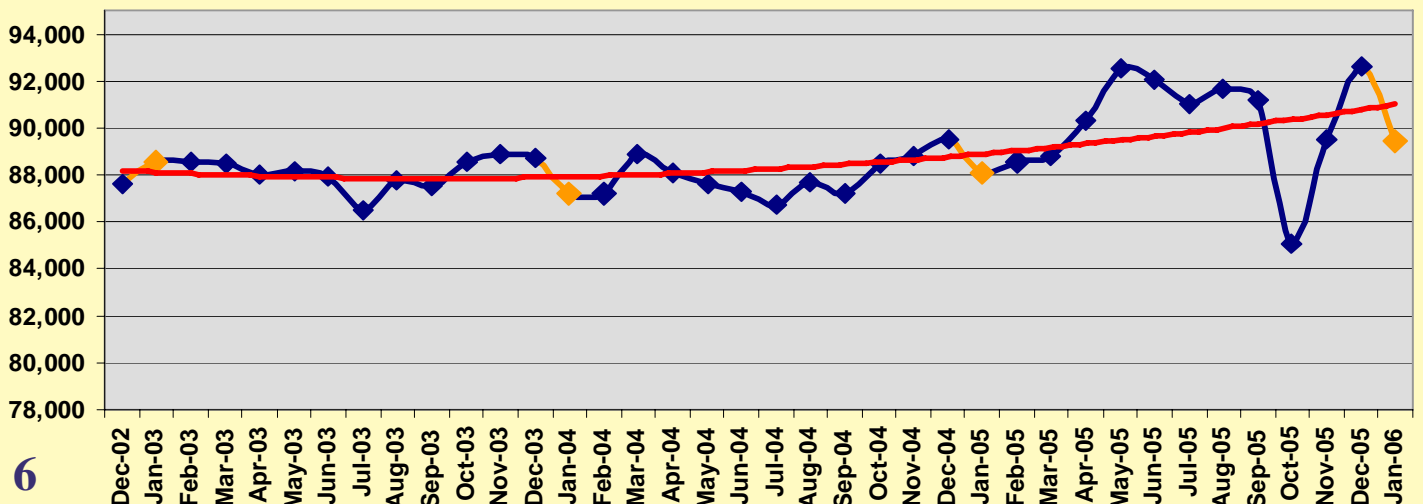


January 2006

Lake Charles Nonfarm Employment

Monthly Estimate 3 Year Trend

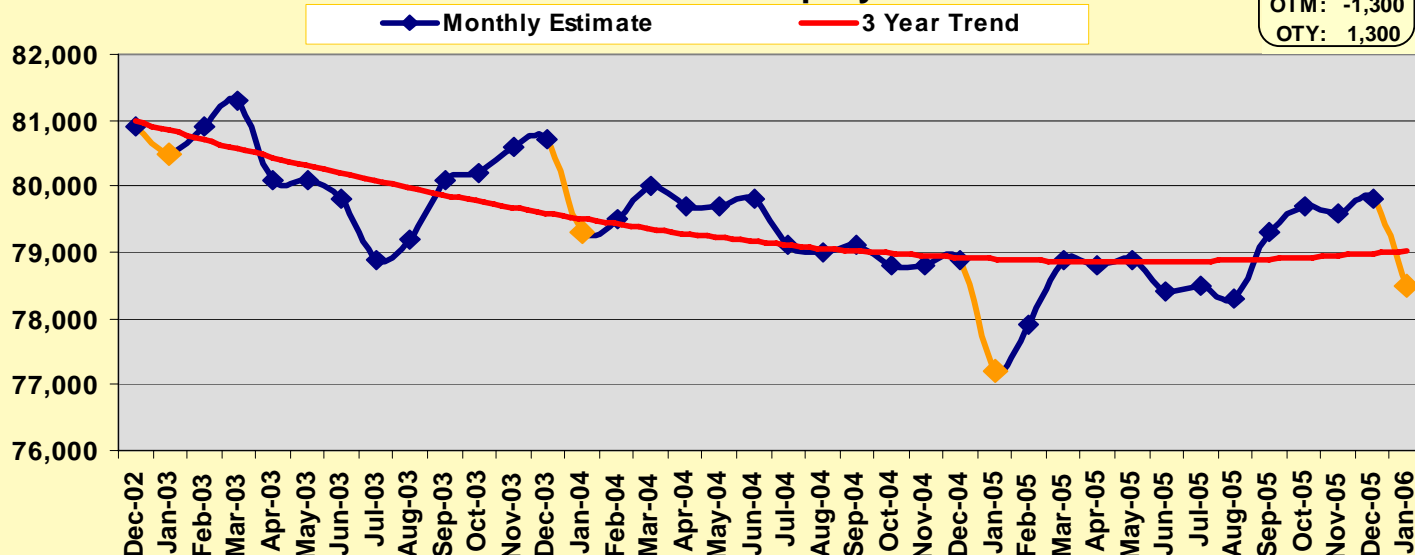
NSA
89,400
OTM: -3,200
OTY: 1,300



January 2006

Monroe Nonfarm Employment

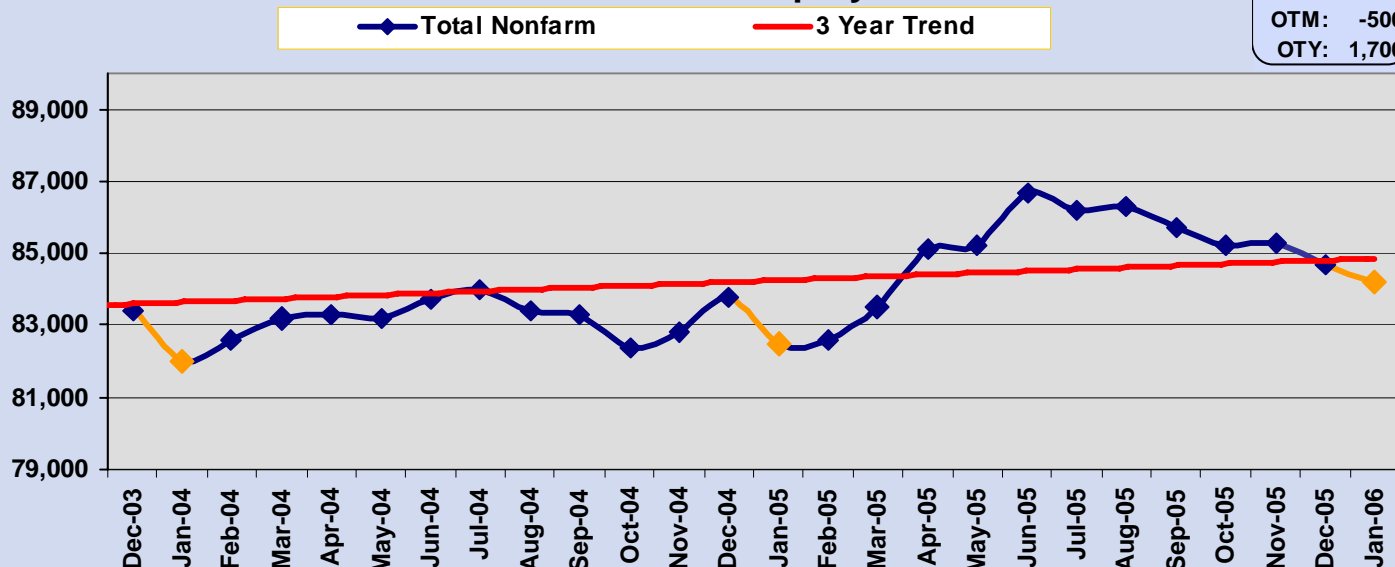
NSA
78,500
OTM: -1,300
OTY: 1,300



January 2006

Houma Nonfarm Employment

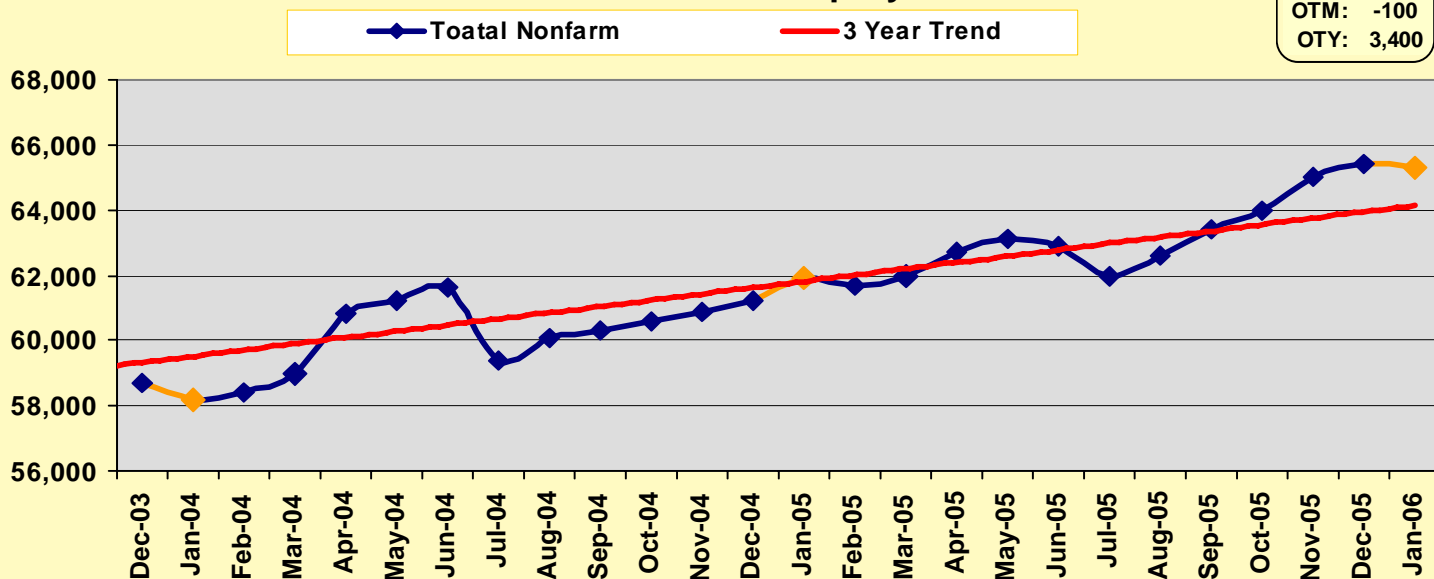
NSA
84,200
OTM: -500
OTY: 1,700



January 2006

Alexandria Nonfarm Employment

NSA
65,300
OTM: -100
OTY: 3,400



Not Seasonally Adjusted	LOUISIANA			NEW ORLEANS-METairie-Kenner MSA			BATON ROUGE MSA		
	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV
	JAN	DEC	JAN	JAN	DEC	JAN	JAN	DEC	JAN
	2006	2005	2005	2006	2005	2005	2006	2005	2005
Total Nonfarm	1,736,300	1,750,600	1,905,000	409,000	408,500	606,500	356,900	361,400	337,800
Total Private	1,364,300	1,372,900	1,528,500	316,500	315,000	501,300	283,100	285,400	265,200
Goods Producing	291,900	293,600	308,900	54,900	54,700	75,100	66,500	66,200	58,500
Natural Resources & Mining	47,000	47,400	44,000						
Natural Resources & Mining & Construction				27,600	27,500	37,500	40,300	40,000	33,000
Mining	44,000	44,300	40,900	9,300	9,400	8,300			
Oil & Gas Extraction	8,000	8,200	8,100	3,300	3,400	3,500			
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas Extraction	8,100	8,200	7,900						
Support Activities for Mining	34,600	34,800	31,400						
Drilling Oil & Gas Wells	7,500	7,700	7,200						
Construction	102,900	102,700	112,200	18,400	18,000	29,200	38,800	38,400	31,400
Building, Development, General Construction, & Heavy Construction									
Construction of Buildings	23,700	23,900	23,300				8,600	8,500	7,000
Residential Building Construction	7,200	7,400	7,200						
Nonresidential Building Construction	16,500	16,500	16,100				7,500	7,400	6,000
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	33,100	33,400	30,900	5,900	6,000	6,900	13,500	13,800	10,000
Utility System Construction	20,400	20,400	15,900						
Specialty Trade Contractors	46,100	45,400	58,000	9,100	8,800	16,500	16,700	16,100	14,400
Manufacturing	142,000	143,500	152,700	27,300	27,200	37,600	26,200	26,200	25,500
Durable Goods	75,000	74,700	78,600	14,600	14,600	19,800			
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	22,500	22,500	23,500	10,500	10,400	10,900			
Ship & Boat Building	14,200	14,100	14,800	8,100	8,100	8,800			
Nondurable Goods	67,000	68,800	74,100	12,700	12,600	17,800	17,700	17,900	17,900
Food Manufacturing	13,300	14,600	17,200						
Paper Manufacturing	9,500	9,400	9,900						
Petroleum & Coal Products Mfg. & Chemical Mfg.									
Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing	10,600	10,600	10,100	3,100	3,100	3,300			
Chemical Manufacturing	22,700	23,000	23,600	4,900	4,900	5,000	10,100	10,100	10,200
Basic Chemical Manufacturing	11,900	12,100	12,800				5,600	5,600	5,700
Resin, Synthetic Rubber, & Artif. & Synthetic Fibers & Filaments							3,200	3,200	3,100
Service Providing	1,444,400	1,457,000	1,596,100	354,100	353,800	531,400	290,400	295,200	279,300
Private Service Providing	1,072,400	1,079,300	1,219,600	261,600	260,300	426,200	216,600	219,200	206,700
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	356,700	360,400	375,900	85,900	85,900	121,500	65,100	67,300	62,300
Wholesale Trade	70,700	70,400	73,600	19,500	19,400	25,300	13,000	13,200	12,600
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	33,600	33,800	37,300	8,100	8,300	12,200			
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	27,000	26,600	27,400	8,900	8,800	9,500			
Retail Trade	207,900	212,500	222,100	41,800	42,000	67,600	38,900	40,900	37,500
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores, General Merchandise									
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	23,900	24,200	27,700						
Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers	19,000	18,700	18,200						
Food & Beverage Stores	30,700	30,400	39,900	2,900	2,900	12,600	6,200	6,500	6,300
Grocery Stores	29,400	29,000	33,700	3,700	3,600	9,900	5,800	5,800	5,400
Health & Personal Care Stores	13,100	13,200	14,300	3,300	3,500	5,100			
Gasoline Stations	17,200	17,400	18,300						
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	14,900	15,600	19,200						
General Merchandise Stores	49,300	51,600	49,900	5,900	6,000	13,900	9,100	9,500	8,500
Department Stores	15,300	16,200	17,200				2,700	2,800	2,500
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	78,100	77,500	80,200	24,600	24,500	28,600	13,200	13,200	12,200
Utilities	8,600	8,800	9,500	2,700	2,700	2,800			
Transportation and Warehousing	69,500	68,700	70,700	21,900	21,800	25,800			
Truck Transportation	13,500	13,300	18,100						
Support Activities for Transportation	19,800	19,400	20,400						
Support Activities for Water Transportation									
Information	28,600	28,400	31,200	8,000	8,100	10,800	5,600	5,600	5,800
Telecommunications	11,900	11,900	12,900						
Financial Activities	93,700	93,500	98,600	25,000	24,800	33,200	18,900	18,700	17,900
Finance & Insurance	58,500	59,000	65,000	9,900	10,100	22,500	12,900	13,100	12,900
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	33,100	33,500	35,100	7,600	8,000	10,700			
Depository Credit Intermediation	22,000	22,400	24,300	5,600	5,900	7,900	4,200	4,300	4,100
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities	22,300	22,100	25,400						
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	35,200	34,500	33,600						
Professional & Business Services	162,300	164,100	187,000	40,100	39,900	73,200	39,300	39,500	37,600
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	56,900	57,800	75,900	13,700	14,000	28,700	16,600	16,500	16,000
Legal Services	12,900	13,500	20,100	5,500	5,400	9,000			
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services	8,100	7,500	12,900						
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services	19,400	19,600	18,800						
Management of Companies & Enterprises	20,800	20,800	22,200	5,100	5,000	8,500			
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. & Remediation Serv.	84,600	85,500	88,900	21,300	20,900	36,000	18,800	19,200	17,600
Administrative & Support Services	79,500	80,400	82,700	19,400	18,900	34,000			
Employment Services	38,100	38,200	32,500	7,200	7,000	13,500			
Services to Buildings & Dwellings	14,500	14,900	19,100						
Educational & Health Services	208,500	208,900	254,900	42,200	41,800	81,900	41,300	41,300	39,400
Educational Services	27,200	29,000	40,000	8,200	8,500	20,900			
Colleges, Universities, & Professional Schools	17,900	18,900	27,600	5,400	5,600	10,900			
Health Care & Social Assistance	181,300	179,900	214,900	34,000	33,300	61,000	35,600	35,300	33,700
Ambulatory Health Care Services	69,400	69,000	73,900	11,700	11,600	21,200	14,500	14,200	13,000
Offices of Physicians	26,800	26,900	30,700						
Home Health Care Services	14,800	14,900	14,700						
Hospitals	55,100	54,200	65,100	16,100	15,600	20,800	11,200	11,100	10,400
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	49,700	48,700	54,800						
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	33,200	33,100	44,300						
Nursing Care Facilities	24,100	23,900	28,100						
Social Assistance	23,600	23,600	31,600						
Leisure & Hospitality	164,900	166,200	202,000	51,500	51,000	83,600	32,300	32,600	30,200
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	29,400	31,100	35,800	6,400	6,300	13,900			
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries	25,400	27,000	29,200	4,900	4,800	9,600			
Gambling Industries	15,000	16,300	19,200	2,700	2,700	5,900			
Casinos (except Casino hotels)	14,200	15,500	17,300						
Accommodation & Food Services	135,500	135,100	166,200	45,100	44,700	69,700	27,800	28,000	26,100
Accommodation	12,900	12,200	25,600	9,300	9,600	15,100			
Food Services & Drinking Places	122,600	122,900	140,600	35,800	35,100	54,600	25,100	25,400	23,500
Other Services	57,700	57,800	70,000	8,900	8,800	22,000	14,100	14,200	13,500
Repair & Maintenance	17,900	17,800	20,400						
Automotive Repair & Maintenance	9,500	9,500	11,700						
Personal & Laundry Services	14,500	14,300	17,500						
Government	372,000	377,700	376,500	92,500	93,500	105,200	73,800	76,000	72,600
Federal Government	33,000	33,300	34,400	14,200	14,300	15,700	3,100	3,100	2,700
State Government	116,200	121,000	115,000	24,800	25,300	27,700	39,100	41,100	38,600
Local Government	222,800	223,400	227,100	53,500	53,900	61,800	31,600	31,800	31,300

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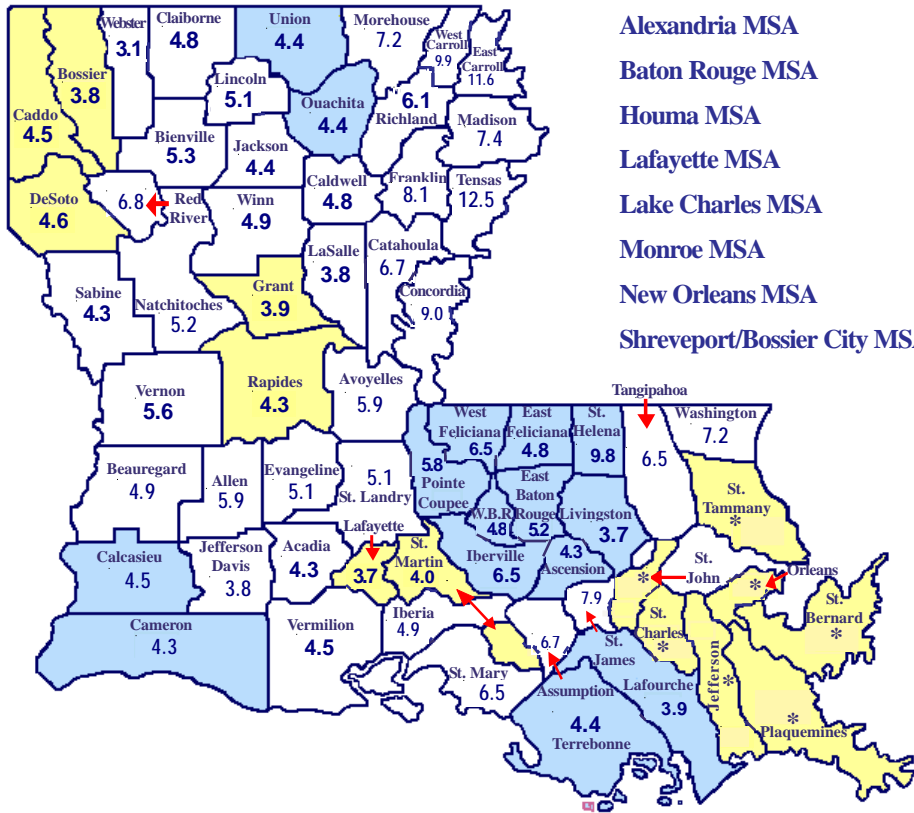
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	SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY MSA			LAFAYETTE MSA			LAKE CHARLES MSA		
Not Seasonally Adjusted	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV
	JAN	DEC	JAN	JAN	DEC	JAN	JAN	DEC	JAN
	2006	2005	2005	2006	2005	2005	2006	2005	2005
Total Nonfarm	177,200	178,400	170,000	139,800	142,800	134,000	89,400	92,600	88,100
Total Private	142,900	144,000	137,100	123,300	125,300	117,900	74,500	77,800	73,300
Goods Producing	27,200	27,100	26,100	28,900	29,400	27,700	21,700	22,400	18,700
Natural Resources & Mining									
Natural Resources & Mining & Construction	12,800	12,600	11,600	20,700	21,100	19,300	12,900	13,400	9,700
Mining				13,400	13,800	12,900			
Oil & Gas Extraction									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas Extraction									
Support Activities for Mining				12,300	12,600	11,900			
Drilling Oil & Gas Wells									
Construction	9,200	8,900	8,100						
Building, Development, General Construction, & Heavy Construction							5,500	5,600	4,900
Construction of Buildings									
Residential Building Construction									
Nonresidential Building Construction									
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction							4,400	4,600	3,700
Utility System Construction									
Specialty Trade Contractors									
Manufacturing	14,400	14,500	14,500	8,200	8,300	8,400	8,800	9,000	9,000
Durable Goods	4,000	4,100	4,400						
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing									
Ship & Boat Building									
Nondurable Goods							7,200	7,400	7,200
Food Manufacturing									
Paper Manufacturing									
Petroleum & Coal Products Mfg. & Chemical Mfg.							6,600	6,800	6,700
Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing									
Chemical Manufacturing							4,100	4,300	4,300
Basic Chemical Manufacturing									
Resin, Synthetic Rubber, & Artif. & Synthetic Fibers & Filaments									
Service Providing	150,000	151,300	143,900	110,900	113,400	106,300	67,700	70,200	69,400
Private Service Providing	115,700	116,900	111,000	94,400	95,900	90,200	52,800	55,400	54,600
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	33,700	34,600	32,500	28,400	28,800	27,000	17,100	18,000	17,400
Wholesale Trade	7,100	7,100	6,900	6,800	6,800	6,200			
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods									
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods									
Retail Trade	20,000	20,900	19,300	17,300	17,700	16,700	10,200	10,600	10,500
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores, General Merchandise							3,600	3,700	3,500
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers									
Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers									
Food & Beverage Stores									
Grocery Stores									
Health & Personal Care Stores									
Gasoline Stations									
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores									
General Merchandise Stores	4,400	4,700	4,100	3,100	3,300	3,200			
Department Stores									
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	6,600	6,600	6,300	4,300	4,300	4,100			
Utilities									
Transportation and Warehousing									
Truck Transportation									
Support Activities for Transportation									
Support Activities for Water Transportation									
Information	2,800	2,800	2,900	3,200	3,300	3,300			
Telecommunications									
Financial Activities	7,400	7,600	7,200	8,600	8,700	8,100			
Finance & Insurance									
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities									
Depository Credit Intermediation									
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities									
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing									
Professional & Business Services	16,700	17,000	15,300	14,600	15,000	14,000	6,300	6,400	6,800
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services				6,700	6,800	6,600			
Legal Services									
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services									
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services									
Management of Companies & Enterprises									
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. & Remediation Serv.	8,100	8,500	7,700	5,700	5,800	5,000			
Administrative & Support Services									
Employment Services									
Services to Buildings & Dwellings									
Educational & Health Services	23,400	23,400	23,000	20,800	21,000	19,800			
Educational Services									
Colleges, Universities, & Professional Schools									
Health Care & Social Assistance	22,400	22,300	21,900	19,100	19,300	18,200			
Ambulatory Health Care Services									
Offices of Physicians									
Home Health Care Services									
Hospitals	8,200	8,300	8,500	5,500	5,400	5,200	3,100	3,100	3,300
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	6,300	6,600	6,900						
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities									
Nursing Care Facilities									
Social Assistance									
Leisure & Hospitality	24,200	24,000	22,400	14,100	14,400	13,500	11,200	12,400	11,400
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	10,000	10,100	9,700						
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries	9,300	9,500	9,400						
Gambling Industries	8,000	8,000	8,400						
Casinos (except Casino hotels)									
Accommodation & Food Services	14,200	13,900	12,700	12,800	13,100	11,700	10,100	10,000	8,400
Accommodation									
Food Services & Drinking Places	12,800	12,600	11,500	11,800	12,100	10,800			
Other Services	7,500	7,500	7,700	4,700	4,700	4,500			
Repair & Maintenance									
Automotive Repair & Maintenance									
Personal & Laundry Services									
Government	34,300	34,400	32,900	16,500	17,500	16,100	14,900	14,800	14,800
Federal Government	4,600	4,600	4,700	1,100	1,100	1,100	600	600	700
State Government	10,600	10,600	9,800	4,500	5,400	4,500	4,100	4,200	4,000
Local Government	19,100	19,200	18,400	10,900	11,000	10,500	10,200	10,000	10,100

9(b) LOUISIANA & MSAs NONFARM EMPLOYMENT									
Not Seasonally Adjusted	MONROE MSA			HOUMA-BAYOU CANE- THIBODAUX MSA			ALEXANDRIA MSA		
	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV
	JAN	DEC	JAN	JAN	DEC	JAN	JAN	DEC	JAN
	2006	2005	2005	2006	2005	2005	2006	2005	2005
Total Nonfarm	78,500	79,800	77,200	84,200	84,700	82,500	65,300	65,400	61,900
Total Private	64,700	64,900	63,500	70,600	70,400	68,000	49,700	49,600	46,600
Goods Producing	12,200	12,000	12,600	18,700	18,700	17,000	9,000	9,100	8,600
Natural Resources & Mining									
Natural Resources & Mining & Construction				12,900	12,900	11,600			
Mining				6,000	6,100	5,200			
Oil & Gas Extraction									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas Extraction									
Support Activities for Mining				5,400	5,400	4,600			
Drilling Oil & Gas Wells									
Construction									
Building, Development, General Construction, & Heavy Construction									
Construction of Buildings									
Residential Building Construction									
Nonresidential Building Construction									
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction									
Utility System Construction									
Specialty Trade Contractors				2,300	2,300	2,300			
Manufacturing	8,500	8,400	8,900						
Durable Goods				6,900	6,900	6,700			
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing									
Ship & Boat Building									
Nondurable Goods	5,700	5,600	6,000						
Food Manufacturing									
Paper Manufacturing									
Petroleum & Coal Products Mfg. & Chemical Mfg.									
Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing									
Chemical Manufacturing									
Basic Chemical Manufacturing									
Resin, Synthetic Rubber, & Artif. & Synthetic Fibers & Filaments									
Service Providing	66,300	67,800	64,600	65,500	66,000	65,500	56,300	56,300	53,300
Private Service Providing	52,500	52,900	50,900	51,900	51,700	51,000	40,700	40,500	38,000
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	14,500	15,200	14,300	20,700	20,600	20,000	11,300	11,500	11,100
Wholesale Trade									
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods									
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods									
Retail Trade	9,800	10,300	9,400	10,600	10,900	10,300	7,800	8,000	7,500
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores, General Merchandise	3,500	3,800	3,300						
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers									
Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers									
Food & Beverage Stores									
Grocery Stores									
Health & Personal Care Stores									
Gasoline Stations									
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores									
General Merchandise Stores									
Department Stores									
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities									
Utilities									
Transportation and Warehousing									
Truck Transportation									
Support Activities for Transportation				4,200	4,200	4,300			
Support Activities for Water Transportation				4,100	4,100	4,000			
Information									
Telecommunications									
Financial Activities									
Finance & Insurance									
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities									
Depository Credit Intermediation									
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities									
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing									
Professional & Business Services	7,100	7,100	7,300						
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services									
Legal Services									
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services									
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services									
Management of Companies & Enterprises									
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. & Remediation Serv.									
Administrative & Support Services				3,700	4,100	4,300			
Employment Services				2,400	3,000	3,200			
Services to Buildings & Dwellings									
Educational & Health Services	13,300	13,200	12,700						
Educational Services									
Colleges, Universities, & Professional Schools									
Health Care & Social Assistance	12,600	12,500	12,000						
Ambulatory Health Care Services									
Offices of Physicians									
Home Health Care Services									
Hospitals	4,300	4,300	4,100				3,900	3,800	3,800
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	3,600	3,600	3,400						
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities									
Nursing Care Facilities									
Social Assistance									
Leisure & Hospitality	6,400	6,400	6,400	6,400	6,600	6,400			
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation									
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries									
Gambling Industries									
Casinos (except Casino hotels)									
Accommodation & Food Services									
Accommodation									
Food Services & Drinking Places									
Other Services									
Repair & Maintenance									
Automotive Repair & Maintenance									
Personal & Laundry Services									
Government	13,800	14,900	13,700	13,600	14,300	14,500	15,600	15,800	15,300
Federal Government	600	600	600	500	500	500	2,700	2,700	2,800
State Government	4,400	5,300	4,400	2,900	3,700	3,600	5,400	5,500	5,200
Local Government	8,800	9,000	8,700	10,200	10,100	10,400	7,500	7,600	7,300

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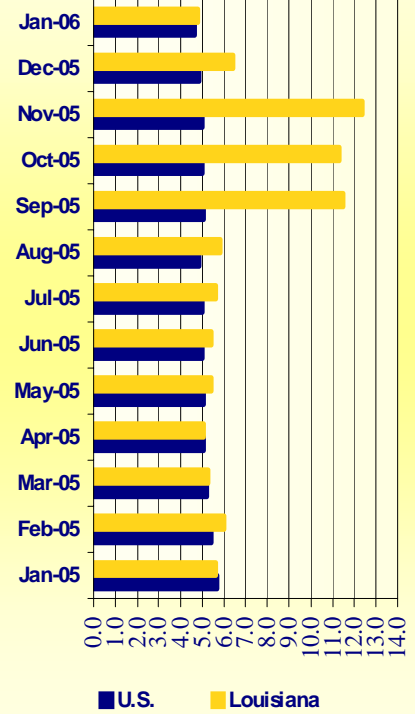


Statewide

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Alexandria MSA	4.2 %
Baton Rouge MSA	5.0 %
Houma MSA	4.2 %
Lafayette MSA	3.8 %
Lake Charles MSA	4.5 %
Monroe MSA	4.4 %
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Shreveport/Bossier City MSA	4.3 %

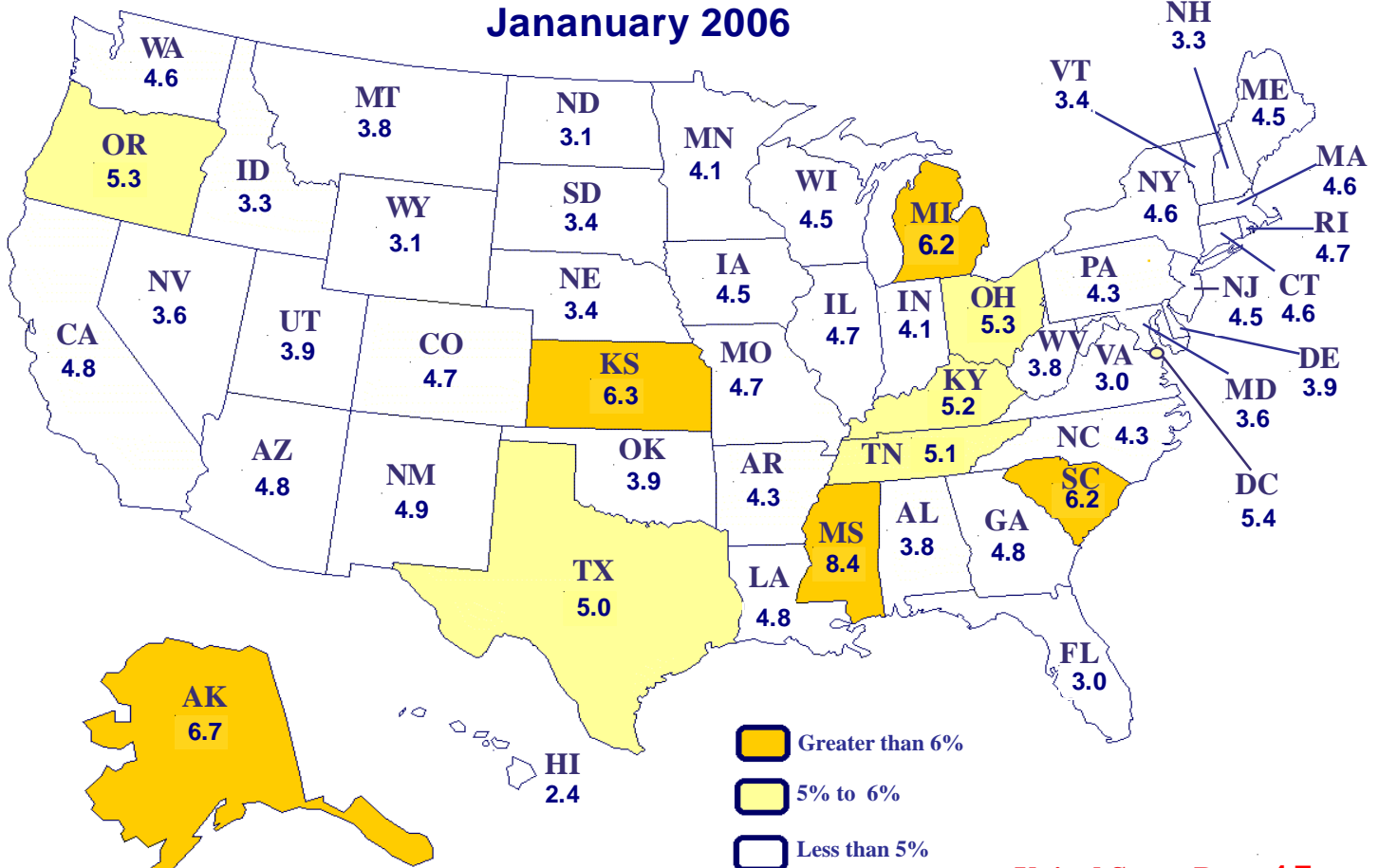
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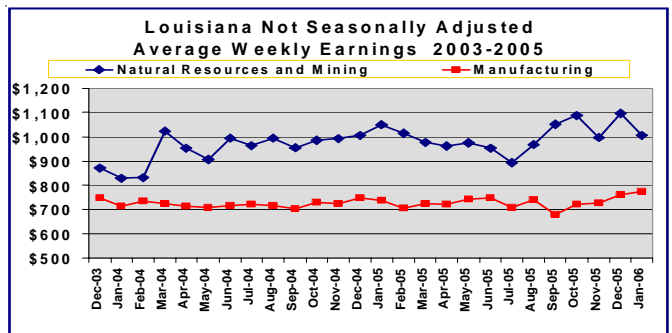
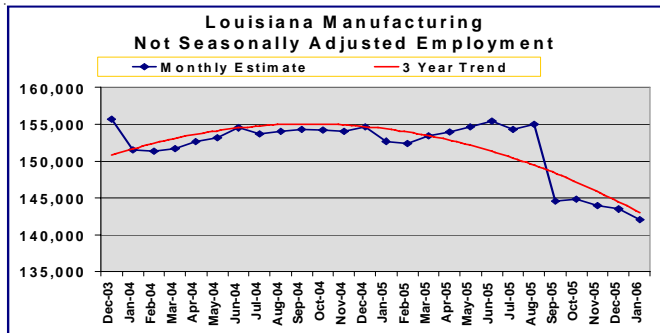
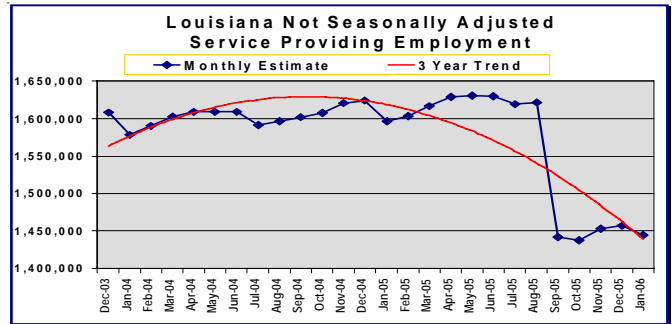
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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Area	Preliminary January 2006			Revised December 2005			Revised January 2005		
	Employed	Unemployed	Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
UNITED STATES	141,481,000	7,608,000	5.1	142,918,000	6,956,000	4.6	138,682,000	8,444,000	5.7
LOUISIANA	1,759,230	102,723	5.5	1,787,137	109,857	5.8	1,934,236	132,050	6.4
ALEXANDRIA MSA	65,248	2,872	4.2	65,271	2,949	4.3	62,573	4,073	6.1
Grant	8,116	331	3.9	8,119	348	4.1	7,783	565	6.8
Rapides	57,132	2,541	4.3	57,152	2,601	4.4	54,790	3,508	6.0
BATON ROUGE MSA	338,514	17,736	5.0	344,107	19,255	5.3	325,932	22,059	6.3
Ascension	41,693	1,874	4.3	42,382	2,079	4.7	40,144	2,493	5.8
East Baton Rouge	200,842	10,978	5.2	204,160	12,036	5.6	193,377	12,386	6.0
East Feliciana	7,773	394	4.8	7,902	386	4.7	7,485	627	7.7
Iberville	11,637	803	6.5	11,829	839	6.6	11,204	1,165	9.4
Livingston	49,063	1,884	3.7	49,874	1,949	3.8	47,240	3,082	6.1
Pointe Coupee	9,200	571	5.8	9,352	609	6.1	8,858	804	8.3
St. Helena	3,814	414	9.8	3,877	503	11.5	3,673	419	10.2
West Baton Rouge	9,937	499	4.8	10,101	531	5.0	9,568	734	7.1
West Feliciana	4,555	319	6.5	4,630	323	6.5	4,385	348	7.4
HOUMA-BAYOU CANE- THIBODAUX MSA	87,847	3,848	4.2	88,411	4,053	4.4	88,386	5,021	5.4
Lafourche	41,683	1,709	3.9	41,951	1,767	4.0	41,939	2,298	5.2
Terrebonne	46,164	2,139	4.4	46,460	2,286	4.7	46,447	2,723	5.5
LAFAYETTE MSA	120,440	4,743	3.8	123,777	4,849	3.8	117,101	6,094	4.9
Lafayette	98,880	3,838	3.7	101,619	3,949	3.7	96,139	4,676	4.6
St. Martin	21,560	905	4.0	22,158	900	3.9	20,962	1,418	6.3
LAKE CHARLES MSA	87,632	4,122	4.5	91,049	4,522	4.7	87,121	5,621	6.1
Calcasieu	83,406	3,930	4.5	86,658	4,323	4.8	82,919	5,348	6.1
Cameron	4,226	192	4.3	4,391	199	4.3	4,202	273	6.1
MONROE MSA	77,100	3,580	4.4	78,429	3,574	4.4	76,462	5,429	6.6
Ouachita	67,392	3,131	4.4	68,554	3,159	4.4	66,834	4,637	6.5
Union	9,708	449	4.4	9,875	415	4.0	9,628	792	7.6
NEW ORLEANS-METairie- KENNER MSA	393,558	33,275	7.8	394,349	37,120	8.6	582,331	36,541	5.9
Jefferson	Household sample data were not available.						214,837	12,369	5.4
New Orleans City/Orleans							185,671	14,214	7.1
Plaquemines							10,948	663	5.7
St. Bernard							29,010	1,861	6.0
St. Charles							22,854	1,311	5.4
St. John Baptist							19,206	1,437	7.0
St. Tammany							99,805	4,686	4.5
SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY MSA	171,766	7,695	4.3	173,287	7,916	4.4	166,098	11,370	6.4
Bossier	48,802	1,921	3.8	49,234	1,928	3.8	47,191	2,795	5.6
Caddo	112,226	5,258	4.5	113,219	5,217	4.4	108,522	7,624	6.6
De Soto	10,739	516	4.6	10,834	771	6.6	10,385	951	8.4
NON-MSA PARISHES									
Acadia (Crowley) ¹	22,874	1,023	4.3	23,070	1,040	4.3	23,112	1,501	6.1
Allen	7,873	495	5.9	7,956	490	5.8	7,972	788	9.0
Assumption (Pierre Part) ¹	8,888	634	6.7	9,248	673	6.8	9,063	1,014	10.1
Avoyelles	14,293	891	5.9	14,594	906	5.8	14,421	1,293	8.2
Beauregard (DeRidder) ¹	13,227	684	4.9	13,352	681	4.9	13,408	930	6.5
Bienville	5,721	322	5.3	5,927	307	4.9	5,732	527	8.4
Caldwell	3,904	196	4.8	3,842	181	4.5	3,956	400	9.2
Catahoula	3,727	269	6.7	3,653	263	6.7	3,735	396	9.6
Claiborne	6,106	308	4.8	6,610	303	4.4	6,376	470	6.9
Concordia (Natchez, MS-LA) ¹	6,468	636	9.0	6,503	650	9.1	6,468	839	11.5
East Carroll	2,358	309	11.6	2,435	278	10.2	2,498	506	16.8
Evangeline	10,826	585	5.1	11,074	569	4.9	11,027	873	7.3
Franklin	6,672	590	8.1	6,824	561	7.6	6,947	876	11.2
Iberia (New Iberia) ¹	28,395	1,467	4.9	30,247	1,491	4.7	29,430	2,216	7.0
Jackson (Ruston) ¹	5,787	269	4.4	6,043	253	4.0	5,988	415	6.5
Jefferson Davis (Jennings) ¹	13,316	525	3.8	13,247	547	4.0	13,265	753	5.4
La Salle	5,406	215	3.8	5,373	194	3.5	5,451	343	5.9
Lincoln (Ruston) ¹	16,595	887	5.1	17,329	895	4.9	17,171	1,237	6.7
Madison (Tallulah) ¹	4,030	321	7.4	4,123	296	6.7	4,152	513	11.0
Morehouse (Bastrop) ¹	10,112	790	7.2	10,574	753	6.6	10,601	1,386	11.6
Natchitoches (Natchitoches) ¹	15,589	863	5.2	16,430	873	5.0	16,129	1,162	6.7
Red River	2,912	214	6.8	3,226	204	5.9	3,042	375	11.0
Richland	7,591	494	6.1	7,704	468	5.7	7,765	823	9.6
Sabine	8,646	386	4.3	8,818	379	4.1	8,732	653	7.0
St. James	7,508	641	7.9	7,407	693	8.6	8,196	870	9.6
St. Landry (Opelousas, Eunice) ¹	34,080	1,846	5.1	33,535	1,911	5.4	33,595	2,470	6.8
St. Mary (Morgan City) ¹	19,529	1,357	6.5	20,030	1,421	6.6	19,902	2,197	9.9
Tangipahoa (Hammond) ¹	41,997	2,930	6.5	43,649	3,383	7.2	45,044	3,266	6.8
Tensas	1,824	260	12.5	1,918	283	12.9	1,944	273	12.3
Vermilion (Abbeville) ¹	20,974	999	4.5	21,855	979	4.3	21,416	1,484	6.5
Vernon (Fort Polk South) ¹	19,224	1,130	5.6	19,945	1,075	5.1	19,283	1,211	5.9
Washington (Bogalusa) ¹	13,344	1,042	7.2	14,287	1,116	7.2	14,860	1,280	7.9
Webster (Minden) ¹	17,958	572	3.1	18,203	862	4.5	17,884	1,354	7.0
West Carroll	3,733	410	9.9	3,864	356	8.4	3,942	719	15.4
Winn	5,640	293	4.9	5,563	287	4.9	5,725	429	7.0

The 108,900 workers in all manufacturing earned an average of \$773.62 per week in January 2006. Average weekly hours worked were 42.6 and average hourly earnings were \$18.16.



AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES												
	Louisiana			New Orleans MSA			Baton Rouge MSA			Shreveport-Bossier City MSA		
	JAN	DEC	JAN	JAN	DEC	JAN	JAN	DEC	JAN	JAN	DEC	JAN
Average Weekly Earnings \$	2006	2005	2005	2006	2005	2005	2006	2005	2005	2006	2005	2005
Natural Resources & Mining	1,005.92	1,097.01	1,050.09									
Mining	1,009.82	1,099.56	1,066.29									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	1,270.07	1,585.14	1,289.47									
Support Act for Mining	777.78	1,047.31	1,052.64									
Manufacturing	\$773.62	\$760.87	\$736.93	847.06	824.50	937.52	936.28	930.52	841.62			
Durable Goods	\$768.25	\$777.52	\$719.94									
Transportation Equipment	\$868.22	\$871.50	\$889.44	626.47	623.36	641.24				1,329.20	1,320.69	1,282.01
Ship & Boat Building	\$698.68	\$669.92	\$781.35	626.47	623.36	641.24						
Nondurable Goods	\$780.33	\$741.82	\$757.42	847.06	824.50	937.52	1,401.62	1,245.27	1,313.54			
Food Manufacturing	\$365.72	\$496.23	\$423.31									
Paper Manufacturing	\$803.29	\$495.36	\$914.55									
Petroleum & Coal Products	\$894.47	\$821.96	\$1,191.70									
Chemical Manufacturing	1,344.15	1,252.01	1,214.41	1,419.53	1,484.85	1,319.86	1,806.80	1,705.73	1,634.27			
Basic Chemical Manufacturing	1,532.23	1,642.50	1,448.54				1,806.80	1,702.48	1,645.60			
Resin, Synthetic Rubber							1,234.53	1,234.53	1,234.53			
Average Weekly Hours												
Natural Resources & Mining	46.7	47.8	51.5									
Mining	46.6	47.6	50.8									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	43.6	53.3	45.5									
Support Act for Mining	46.1	46.3	51.6									
Manufacturing	42.6	42.2	43.4	41.0	40.2	36.1	45.1	43.3	45.2			
Durable Goods	43.8	45.1	44.8									
Transportation Equipment	40.8	41.5	45.8	36.7	36.2	39.1				43.1	45.4	46.5
Ship & Boat Building	40.2	39.5	45.8	36.7	36.2	39.1						
Nondurable Goods	41.2	38.9	41.8	41.0	40.2	36.1	47.4	40.3	47.8			
Food Manufacturing	33.8	41.7	40.2									
Paper Manufacturing	38.9	19.2	45.5									
Petroleum & Coal Products	45.8	46.1	48.8									
Chemical Manufacturing	46.9	43.7	44.5	45.6	47.5	42.7	55.8	52.5	55.1			
Basic Chemical Manufacturing	46.8	50.0	47.0				55.8	52.4	55.0			
Resin, Synthetic Rubber							47.3	47.3	47.3			
Average Hourly Earnings \$												
Natural Resources & Mining	21.54	22.95	20.39									
Mining	21.67	23.10	20.99									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	29.13	29.74	28.34									
Support Act for Mining	21.21	22.62	20.40									
Manufacturing	\$18.16	\$18.03	\$16.98	\$20.66	\$20.51	\$25.97	20.76	21.49	18.62			
Durable Goods	\$17.54	\$17.24	\$16.07									
Transportation Equipment	\$21.28	\$21.00	\$19.42	17.07	17.22	16.40				30.84	29.09	27.57
Ship & Boat Building	\$17.38	\$16.96	\$17.06	17.07	17.22	16.40						
Nondurable Goods	\$18.94	\$19.07	\$18.12	20.66	20.51	25.97	29.57	30.90	27.48			
Food Manufacturing	\$10.82	\$11.90	\$10.53									
Paper Manufacturing	\$20.65	\$25.80	\$20.10									
Petroleum & Coal Products	\$19.53	\$17.83	\$24.42									
Chemical Manufacturing	\$28.66	\$28.65	\$27.29	\$31.13	\$31.26	\$30.91	\$32.38	\$32.49	\$29.66			
Basic Chemical Manufacturing	\$32.74	\$32.85	\$30.82				\$32.38	\$32.49	\$29.92			
Resin, Synthetic Rubber							\$26.10	\$26.10	\$26.10			

LOUISIANA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BY CLAIMANT'S PARISH OF RESIDENCE

WEEK ENDING - January 14, 2006

RLMA/PARISH	INITIAL CLAIMS	WEEKS CLAIMED	RLMA/PARISH	INITIAL CLAIMS	WEEKS CLAIMED	RLMA/PARISH	INITIAL CLAIMS	WEEKS CLAIMED
RLMA 1	602	12,325	RLMA 4	498	6,498	RLMA 7	434	5,631
JEFFERSON	220	4,659	ACADIA	38	459	BIENVILLE	17	148
ORLEANS	136	1,917	EVANGELINE	35	258	BOSSIER	63	921
PLAQUEMINES	9	240	IBERIA	81	729	CADDO	218	2,567
ST. BERNARD	1	162	LAFAYETTE	135	2,240	CLAIBORNE	9	101
ST. CHARLES	68	1,087	ST. LANDRY	89	1,089	DESOTO	20	241
ST. JAMES	30	434	ST. MARTIN	37	432	LINCOLN	36	500
ST. JOHN	81	1,545	ST. MARY	42	823	NATCHITOCHES	23	553
ST. TAMMANY	57	2,281	VERMILION	41	468	RED RIVER	7	97
						SABINE	11	147
						WEBSTER	30	356
RLMA 2	1,157	13,955	RLMA 5	317	3,143	RLMA 8	355	3,727
ASCENSION	85	1,335	ALLEN	42	241	CALDWELL	11	69
E. BATON ROUGE	565	7,213	BEAUREGARD	29	364	EAST CARROLL	25	185
EAST FELICIANA	17	165	CALCASIEU	222	2,249	FRANKLIN	41	374
IBERVILLE	41	449	CAMERON	0	61	JACKSON	6	138
LIVINGSTON	82	930	JEFF. DAVIS	24	228	MADISON	20	147
POINTE COUPEE	28	336				MOREHOUSE	43	448
ST. HELENA	18	152	RLMA 6	242	3,345	OUACHITA	147	1,554
TANGIPAHOA	261	2,298	AVOYELLES	38	505	RICHLAND	28	276
WASHINGTON	37	613	CATAHOULA	13	150	TENSAS	2	204
W. BATON ROUGE	16	327	CONCORDIA	23	340	UNION	16	177
WEST FELICIANA	7	137	GRANT	16	152	WEST CARROLL	16	155
			LASALLE	11	61			
RLMA 3	173	2,448	RAPIDES	92	1,342			
ASSUMPTION	22	385	VERNON	37	680			
LAFOURCHE	85	886	W INN	12	115			
TERREBONNE	66	1,177						

RLMA = REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA

THE ABOVE FIGURES INCLUDE REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES, AND UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS FOR EX-SERVICE MEMBERS DATA.

Labor Market Questions and Answers!

- ➔ **Where do the nonfarm numbers come from?**
 - Employers selected by random sampling are asked to provide the Louisiana Department of Labor with employment levels for the week of the 12th of the month. The survey results provide data at the state and MSA level for nonfarm jobs. The employment estimates are only as good as the responses received within a two week time period. Therefore, the higher the survey's rate of return, the greater the accuracy of the estimated employment.
- ➔ **Why aren't the construction job counts higher when I see all of the building activity in my area?**
 - Since this is an employer based survey, the jobs are counted in the parish that the employer's payroll is paid. For example, if the company's home office is in Baton Rouge but the job is in Alexandria, then the jobs will be counted in Baton Rouge. There is no separate employer survey for job location vs. business location.
- ➔ **What is the 2006 revision change to the civilian labor force series?**
 - The Bureau of Labor Statistics has eliminated regular revisions to the monthly preliminary estimates. As an example, the preliminary January 2006 data will not be revised with the release of February's civilian labor force estimates. All of the 2006 monthly labor force series will be preliminary until revised in March 2007 as part of the normal annual benchmarking process.
- ➔ **What is the 2006 revision change to the nonfarm employment series?**
 - The major change to the nonfarm employment series is the addition of published cells for the state and some metropolitan statistical areas. For a list of the additional published cells in the 2006 nonfarm employment series go to the Web site www.laworks.net, scroll over the tab at the top of the page for Labor Market Information, click on Publications and Reports, under Labor Market Information select Data Explanations and then select March 2006 – 2006 Changes to Nonfarm and Civilian Labor Force Statistics.

Have a question you would like to have answered? Email us at OOIS@ldol.state.la.us

GLOSSARY & TECHNICAL NOTES

Average Hourly Earnings/Average Weekly Earnings/ Average Weekly Hours (CES/BLS) - average total money earnings, in the survey week (i.e., the week that includes the twelfth of the month), of production workers plus nonsupervisory workers not in production, including overtime, paid vacation and sick leave.

Civilian Labor Force - that portion of the population, age sixteen or older, which is employed or unemployed and actively seeking employment during the reference week of the twelfth of the month.

Employed - the members of the labor force who worked for pay or profit, or had a job from which they were temporarily absent because of illness, vacation, labor dispute, or other reasons not reflecting a shortage of work, or who worked fifteen hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family.

Unemployed - the members of the labor force who did not work but were seeking work or were awaiting recall from layoffs or the beginning of a new job within thirty days.

Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed persons expressed as percentage of the labor force.

Continued Claim - each week claimed subsequent to the filing of the initial claim for a week of unemployment compensation.

Current Employment Statistics (CES) - estimates of nonfarm employment and production workers hours and earnings by industry. They are produced as part of a nationwide program, in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), for the state and each metropolitan statistical area (MSA) from a sample of employing establishments.

Current Population Survey (CPS) - a monthly household survey of the U.S. population conducted for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) by the Bureau of Census, of 56,000 selected households. Respondents are interviewed to obtain information on the employment status of each household member age 16 and over, during the reference week of the twelfth.

Durable Goods - items with a normal life expectancy of three years or more. Automobiles, furniture, household appliances, and mobile homes are examples.

Initial Claims - a new claim, filed to open a claim for unemployment compensation.

Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) - a geographical area comprised of a parish generally containing a central city (or twin cities) of 50,000 inhabitants or more and contiguous parishes that are socially and economically integrated with the central city.

Micropolitan Statistical Area (MC) - a geographical area comprised of a parish containing a central city of at least 10,000 but less than 50,000 inhabitants and contiguous parishes that are socially and economically integrated with the central city.

NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) - an industry classification system that groups establishments into industries based on the activities in which they are primarily engaged.

Nonfarm Employment - employment by place of work that does not include the self employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, or agriculture workers. All estimates of nonfarm employment in this publication are in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the twelfth of the month.

Nondurable Goods - items that generally last for only a short period of time (less than three years). Food, beverages, apparel, and gasoline are common examples.

Seasonally Adjusted - monthly data that is adjusted to minimize the changes in any time series which result from normal annual occurrences such as Christmas, summer vacations, and weather patterns.

Subsector - refers to the three-digit NAICS code, which will fall under the particular sector. Example: If Manufacturing (31-33) is the industry sector, then Food manufacturing (311), Paper manufacturing (322), Chemical manufacturing (325), Transportation equipment manufacturing (336), are some of the subsectors of manufacturing.

Supersector - refers to these five categories: Total Nonfarm, Total Private, Goods Producing, Service Providing, and Private Service Providing.

Summary Industry Sector - a combination of industry sectors. A summary sector may or may not be published. The summary industry sectors are Natural Resources & Mining; Natural Resources & Mining & Construction; Construction; Manufacturing; Trade, Transportation, & Utilities; Information; Financial Activities; Professional & Business Services; Educational & Health Services; Leisure & Hospitality; Other Services; and Government.

Industry Sector - 20 industry sectors based on two-digit NAICS code. They are Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (11), Mining (21), Utilities (22), Construction (23), Manufacturing (31-33), Wholesale Trade (42), Retail Trade (44-45), Transportation and Warehousing (48-49), Information (51), Finance and Insurance (52), Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (53), Professional and Technical Services (54), Management of Companies and Enterprises (55), Administrative and Waste Services (56), Educational Services (61), Health Care and Social Assistance (62), Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (71), Accommodation and Food Services (72), Other Services (81), and Public Administration (92).

Constraints of the monthly civilian labor force and nonfarm employment estimates:

The civilian labor force estimates are derived by a monthly survey of approximately 750 households throughout Louisiana following the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) methodology. The US Census Bureau conducts the survey by calling randomly selected households and providing BLS with survey results. Households are asked for the number of residents who are sixteen and over and whether they were working or actively looking for work during the week of the twelfth of the month. Responses to these questions become part of the formula to determine the number of people employed and the number of individuals unemployed for the state, MSAs, and each parish every month.

The nonfarm employment estimates are derived from responses received from the monthly BLS survey of 2,757 businesses across the state surveyed directly by this agency, and an additional 2,500 businesses that respond directly to BLS with their employment data. Responses capture employment activity during the twelfth of each month. This survey relies on responses from these businesses to produce industry employment levels for the state and all metropolitan statistical areas.

Both data sets are comparable with estimates for the U.S., all 50 states, and 270 metropolitan areas across the U.S.



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